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1. KOREA

RESPONDING TO REPORTS THAT US MAY INTERVIEW TONGSUN PARK AT
AMEMB SEOUL, ASST ATTY-GENRL CIVILETTI TOLD REUTER WEDNES-
DAY HE HAS NO INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING TONGSUN PARK IF PARK
UNWILLING TESTIFY IN US COURTS. SAID PROSECUTION NEEDS HAVE
PARK IN US COURTROOM/NOTHING LESS WOULD SUFFICE (REUTER
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11/9).

CAPITOL HILL SOURCES SAY FRASER'S INTL ORG SUBCMTE HAS
HALTED INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED MOON CHURCH-ROKG-KCIA CONNECTION,
DUE POSSIBLE SECURITY LEAK. SOURCES STATE SUBCMTE MEMBER/
STAFF MAY HAVE LEAKED INFO TO SK EMB IN MID-SEPT WHICH
SUPPOSEDLY JEOPARDIZED DEFECTION SENIOR KCIA OFFICIAL.
SINCE THEN, SUBCMTE CUT OFF FROM INFO FROM US INTELL AGEN-
CIES WHILE STAFF SEEKS FIND LEAK SOURCE. IN ADDITION,
FRASER HAS ORDERED NO MORE SECRET INFO HELD BY SUBCMTE STAFF

BE SHOWN SUBCMTE MEMBERS (HALLORAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN).

2. JAPAN

REUTER'S WEEKS (TOKYO 11/10) QUOTES "LEADING JAPANESE FINANCIAL SOURCE" THAT FUKUDA'S AIM BOOST JAPAN'S IMPORTS BY 3 BIL DOLS THIS YR "LOOKS LIKE A PIPEDREAM." NOTING FUKUDA STATEMENT TO DIET 11/9 THAT INCREASED IMPORTS HIS "PERSONAL WISH," CHIEF CABINET SEC SONODA TOLD PRESS CONF PM SHOULD HAVE SAID 3-BIL-DOL FIGURE GOJ'S "TARGET."

GOJ SPOKESMAN SAID THURS JAPAN WILL CONSIDER OFFER FROM MOSCOW TO BUY ENRICHED URANIUM FROM USSR IN RETURN FOR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. OFFER MADE THRU OFFICIAL/PVT CHANNELS, REPEATED BY USSR'S ATOMIC ENERGY CMTE CHRMN IN TOKYO TALKS W/JAPAN'S SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR UNO (REUTER TOKYO).

JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD DIET 11/9 GOJ CONSIDERING INTRODUCING DEATH PENALTY FOR HIJACKERS, INCL THOSE WHO SEIZE SHIPS/BUSES/JAPANESE DIPLO MISSIONS ABROAD (REUTER TOKYO 11/9).

JAPAN HAS TIGHTENED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR LUFTHANSA
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FLIGHTS AT TOKYO/OSAKA AIRPORTS FOLLOWING THREATS RECEIVED IN EUR TO BLOW UP 3 LUFTHANSA JETS. NO DETAILS GIVEN (REUTER TOKYO 11/9).

JAPAN'S 6 LARGEST SHIPBUILDING FIRMS ALL REPORTED PROFITS FOR PD ENDING 9/30, BUT MOST REPORTED LOWER EARNINGS FROM YR AGO. MITSUBISHI LARGEST MONEY EARNER, POSTING OVER 121-MIL-DOL PROFIT FOR 6-MO PD (UPI JOC, WP).

GOJ TENTATIVELY AGREES ACCEPT INTERIM FORMULA FOR REGULATING NEWBUILDING SHIP ORDER CAPACITY. INTERIM SYSTEM TO BE USED IN WORKING OUT ACTUAL TONNAGE THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY ALL INVOLVED FIRMS AS OF 1/78 (JOC'S CULLISON, TOKYO).

MITSUMI SHIPYARD TO BUILD 9 CONTAINER VESSELS FOR SWEDISH SHIPOWNER AT TOTAL COST 159 MIL DOLS. ORDER LARGEST PLACED ANYWHERE SINCE 1973/WILL KEEP MITSUI YARDS FULLY OCCUPIED INTO 1979 (JOC).

UK CAR PRODUCERS SEEKING URGENT TALKS W/JAPANESE OVER INCREASING NUMBER JAPANESE-MADE CARS BEING SOLD ON BRITISH MKT. JAPANESE IMPORTS TOOK RECORD 11 PCT UK CAR MKT IN 1ST 10 MONTHS 1977--1.5 PCT ABOVE VOLUNTARY LIMIT TO WHICH JAPANESE AGREED EARLIER THIS YR (UNSWORTH, JOC LONDON).

3. CHINA

MACKENZIE (REUTER PEKING) REPORTS "MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" WILL BE 1ST SHAKESPEARE PLAY TO REAPPEAR IN TRANSLATION IN PRC BOOKSTORES, ACCORDING INFORMED PRC SOURCES. WILL BE 1ST TIME SINCE BEFORE MID-60S THAT WORK BY PLAYWRIGHT WILL BE ON SALE IN PRC. CHINESE SOURCES ALSO SAID WORKS OF OTHER WESTERN LITERARY/ARTISTIC FIGURES LIKELY START APPEARING SOON AS COUNTRY RETURNS TO NORMAL CULTURAL LIFE.
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4. INDOCHINA

DOS OFFICIALS SAID WED VN INFORMED US THAT 3 AMERICANS ABOARD YACHT "BRILLIG" BEING INVESTIGATED ON DRUG CHARGES. US INFORMED BY VN EMB PARIS WHICH ALSO SAID INVESTIGATION ON-GOING, NO FORMAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST 3 (UPI, WP).

5. THAILAND

MIL RULERS ANNOUNCED STEPS WED TOWARD HOLDING ELECTIONS NEXT YR; SAID UNTIL THEN COUNTRY WOULD BE RUN BY GOVT BACKED BY ARMED FORCES. GEN KRIANGSAK WILL BE NEW PM. INTERIM CONSTITUTION, SETTING GROUNDWORK FOR ELECTIONS, APPROVED ESTABLISHING DELICATE BALANCE POWER BETWN NATL POLICY COUNCIL/GOVT. PERM CONSTITUTION WILL HAVE BE APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE APPOINTED BY KING (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. NEW ZEALAND

PRES CARTER REVIEWED MIL/ECON PROBLEMS W/MULDOON WED, STRESSING LINKS BETWN ECON DEVELOPMENT/DEFENSE S PACIFIC. REUTER (11/9) SAYS HE ECHOED MULDOON'S CALL FOR MORE US IMPORTS FROM NZ, STRENGTHENING OF COMMITMENTS UNDER ANZUS TREATY W/AUSTRALIA /US. CARTER HELD WORKING LUNCH FOR PM FOLLOWING TALKS.

7. PHILIPPINES

CAPTURED DOCUMENT RELEASED BY MIL AUTHORITIES URGES MOSLEM REBELS PREPARE FOR ALL-OUT WAR. DOC SAID BEEN WRITTEN BY NUR MISUARI (REUTER SAMBOANGA CITY).
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8. INDONESIA

W IRIAN PROVINCE TRIBAL CHIEF OBAHAROK SAYS HE IS LONELY/ MISSES AMERICAN WOMAN (WYN SARGENT) HE MARRIED 4 YRS AGO/ WANTS SEE HER BEFORE HE DIES. SARGENT MADE WORLD HEADLINES

IN '73 FOR MARRYING CHIEF IN RITUAL CEREMONY; SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, SHE WAS EXPELLED FOR ACCUSING GOI ILL-TREATING TRIBESMEN (REUTER JAKARTA).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

IN COLUMN ON TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL'S DEVALUATION PLAN, JANEWAY (WSTAR 11/9) OPINES PLAN HAS GIVEN JAPAN "INVITATION TO DUMP," NOW THAT FEWER YEN WILL BUY MANY MORE DOLLARS. CLAIMS JAPANESE CAR FACTORIES--W/TOKYO BACKING--NOW OWN BIG FRANCHISES TO DISTRIBUTE POPULAR MODELS. STATES WHEN DOMESTIC AUTO PRODUCTION SLACKENS OFF BUT IMPORT SALES CARRY ON, UAW WILL BE FORCED RECONSIDER ITS STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF BLUMENTHAL.

10. CHINA

L MATHEWS (LAT HK 11/9) REPORTS PRC HAS BEGUN MAKE DIPLOMATIC OVERTURES TO USSR IN EFFORT IMPROVE RELS. SAYS LATEST CONCILIATORY GESTURE CAME WHEN HUANG HUA ATTENDED PEKING RECEPTION GIVEN BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY BOLSHIEVIK REVOL. ACCOMPANYING HUANG WAS PRC'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO PRC/USSR BORDER TALKS, YU CHAN. HUANG'S PRESENCE REPORTED TO SURPRISE MANY IN DIPLO CORPS.

BUT, MATHEWS OPINES, HIS VISIT WAS IN KEEPING W/OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT SUGGEST PRC SEEKING BETTER RELS--SUCH AS PRC'S FILLING POST OF AMB TO MOSCOW AFTER SLOT UNCLASSIFIED

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VACANT 18 MONTHS/REACHING AGREEMENT ON RULES TO GOVERN NAVIGATION ON RIVERS ALONG COMMON BORDER. SAYS SOME ANALYSTS SEE PRC OVERTURES AS EFFORT TO PROD CARTER ADMIN INTO STEPPING UP PACE OF NORMALIZATION PROCESS. MATHEWS SAYS OTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT PRC GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PURSUING DETENTE W/SOVIETS. CONCLUDES STILL TOO EARLY TO ATTACH MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO PRC OVERTURES.

11. HONG KONG

J MATHEWS (WP HK) DISCUSSES HK'S PROBES INTO POLICE CORRUPTION/RECENT PROTESTS OVER INVESTIGATIONS. GIVES BRIEF HISTORY OF PROBE SINCE '74 INCEPTION.

12. INDONESIA

WSJ'S NEWMAN NOTES NEW EMPHASIS OF WORLD BANK TO LEND MONEY FOR LESS SOPHISTICATED PROJECTS THAT WILL GET SERVICES TO POOR/POOR TO SERVICES. IN INDONESIA, NEW PROJECTS HAVE EMBROILED BANK IN CULTURAL/POL CROSS-

CURRENTS OF SMALL INDO COMMUNITIES. NEWMAN SAYS BANK HAS NOT ACQUIRED BACKGROUND NEEDED UNDERSTAND THESE FORCES, SHOULD, ACCORDING SOME, REDUCE NUMBER NEW-STYLE PROJECTS UNTIL MORE FULLY UNDERSTOOD.

INDO IS BANK'S 3RD LARGEST BORROWER. MUCH MONEY USED REHABILITATE OLD CANALS, W/O CONSTRUCTION FEEDER CANALS TO CARRY WATER DIRECTLY TO FARMERS. IN KAMPONGS, WHERE FOOTPATHS/DRAINS/WELLS PUT IN, IMPROVEMENTS RAISED PROPERTY TAXES SO POOR HAD TO SELL OUT. IN EFFORT REBUILD SUGAR INDUSTRY, 50 MIL DOLS PUT IN PROJECT THAT ORCES FARMERS AT GUNPOINT GROW CANE WHEN THEY WOULD RATHER GROW RICE, WHICH TWICE AS PROFITABLE. SAYS ANOTHER 10-15 PCT UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECT MONEY DISSIPATED THROUGH "LEAKAGE." BANK PROFESSIONALS CONTENT THEIR SYSTEM DOESN'T ADAPT WELL TO INDO'S "UNBUSINESSLIKE" WAYS. OBSERVERS SAY INDO IS "ULTIMATE IN NON-WESTERN THINKING," BUT BANK HASN'T CHANGED ITS STYLE AT ALL.

13. INDOCHINA

UNIFIED BUDDHIST CHURCH CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS SMUGGLED THICH MAN GIAC OUT OF VN TO LAUNCH WORLD-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN VN. THICH LEFT VN ILLEGALLY BY BOAT, TOLD REUTER'S EDINGER (PARIS 11/9) THAT HE ENTRUSTED APPEAL TO AMNESTY INTL/ AWAKEN PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT HUMAN RTS IN VN. HE WILL UNDERTAKE WORLD TOUR ORGANIZED BY VN BUDDHIST PEACE DELEGATION; HOPES MEET SEN KENNEDY/JOAN BAEZ IN US. SAID HE HAS DOCS TO PROVE VN MOUNTING ANTI-RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN: SAID 6 NATL LEADERS ARRESTED IN APRIL, HUNDREDS MONKS ALSO ARRESTED, HUNDREDS PAGODAS CONFISCATED, STATUES REMOVED/ SMASHED, BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY NO LONGER ALLOWED BE CELEBRATED AS NATL HOLIDAY. EDINGER ADDS THAT FON SOURCES TOLD HIM SRV POLICY TOWARD BUDDHISTS NOT MOTIVATED BY ANTI-RELIGIOUS FEELING BUT AIMED AT BREAKING UP POWER W/IN COUNTRY WHICH COULD HAVE AS MUCH INFLUENCE AS GOVT ITSELF.

IN ANOTHER VN ARTICLE (SUN DA NANG 11/9), DUDMAN (STLP-D) SAYS SPIRIT VIET LEADERS NOT UNLIKE THAT IN US AFTER OUR REVOLUTION. SAYS VIETS HAVE "HEADY SENSE OF VICTORY" AFTER UPHILL FIGHT AGAINST SEEMINGLY OVERWHELMING ODDS. VANCE

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